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1. Laerz - On 10 July 1950 sixty-six jet aircraft with sweptback wings and three biplanes were observed here. On 11 July about sixty aircraft were seen, including twenty-one Type 14 jets, twenty-five to thirty conventional fighters, six PO-2's and four twin-engine transports.\*
2. Brandenburg-Briest - Six Type 14 jets and eight LA fighters were observed here on 10 and 11 July. a fighter regiment is still stationed at this field.
3. Finow - On 10 and 11 July twenty-one Type 14 jets, four PO-2's, an unspecified number of conventional fighters and one transport were observed at the Finow airfield. The field is still occupied by two fighter regiments.
4. Neu Brandenburg-Trollenhagen - Nine aircraft, presumably jets, were observed here on 10 and 11 July.
5. Parchim - Two A-20's and three LA fighters were seen here on 12 July.
6. Zerbst - Eleven jets, three LA fighters and one PO-2 were seen here on 10 July. Four jets were seen on 11 and 12 July. The number and types of aircraft in the hangars were not determined.
7. Peenemünde - On 9, 10, and 11 July two aircraft, possibly jets, were seen from a distance of five kilometers.
8. Grossenhain - On 10 July four jets were observed here. The number and types of the aircraft in the hangars were not determined. No conventional aircraft were observed.
9. Dessau - Twenty conventional fighters with radial engines and approximately twenty-four covered jet fighters with sweptback wings were standing on the eastern edge of Dessau airfield on 10 July.
10. Köthen - No aircraft were observed here. The hangars were closed. Only individual Soviet Air Force soldiers were noticed.

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11. Finsterwalde - The hangars were closed at the time of observation. Four to six biplanes were standing on the Finsterwalde-West improvised airfield. About 1500 Soviet Air Force troops were seen in a bathing establishment. Trucks [redacted] were observed.\*\*\*

\* [redacted] Comment: To date a maximum of fifty-five Type 14 jets have been seen at Laerz. The increase possibly is due to recent replacements of conventional aircraft by jets in all fighter regiments of the 24th Air Army.

[redacted] Comment: This report confirms that no air unit is stationed at K8then. The field is being improved. The observation [redacted] indicates that an army unit is still stationed there. [redacted]

[redacted] Comment: No air unit is assumed to be stationed at Finsterwalde since the airfield is presently being improved. Biplanes seen at Finsterwalde-West were probably courier planes. Though they have been previously observed there, it is not known to what unit they are assigned. [redacted]

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